

Harpswell *Guide*

to

Trails

Town Lands

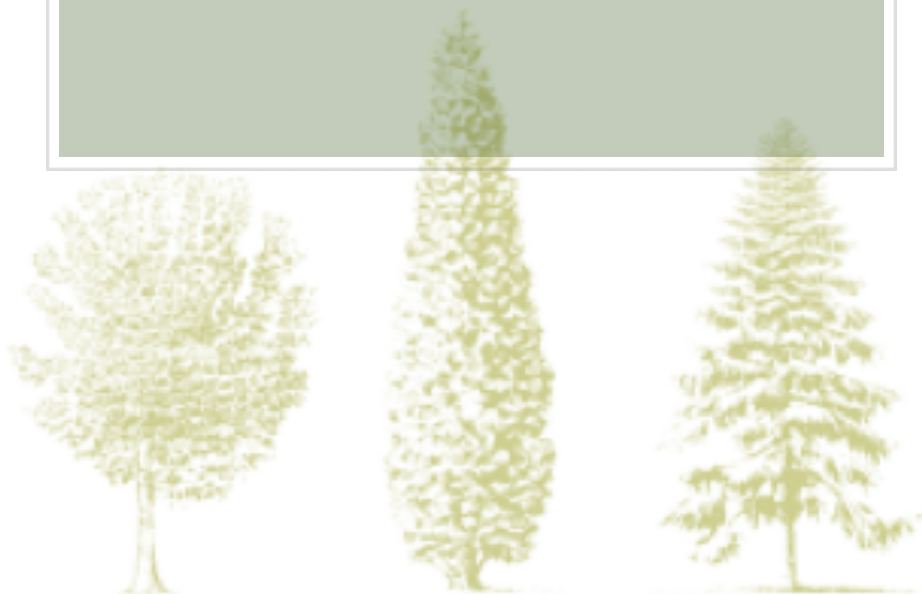
Landings

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Symbol Key

	Parking		Bike Rack		Wheelchair/ Stroller Access
	Pets on Leashes		Picnic Table		Scenic Views
	Small Boat Launch		Trailer Boat Launch		Kayak/Canoe
	Shore Access		Fishing		Swimming/ Beach Activities
	Wading		XC Skiing		Snowshoeing
	Historical Point		Restrooms		Local Favorite

TOWN PROPERTY RULES

- No Overnight Parking
- Carry In-Carry Out trash disposal policy
- No Fires
- Intoxicating beverages are not allowed.
- Do not pick or dig any living thing.
- Pets must be under owners' control.
- Pet owners must clean up any fecal deposits left by their pets.
- Please report any damage to the Town of Harpswell.
- Please respect private landowners' property

**ALL USES OF TOWN FACILITIES ARE AT THE USER'S RISK
THERE ARE NO LIFEGUARDS**

For more information call the Harpswell Town Office at 833-5771

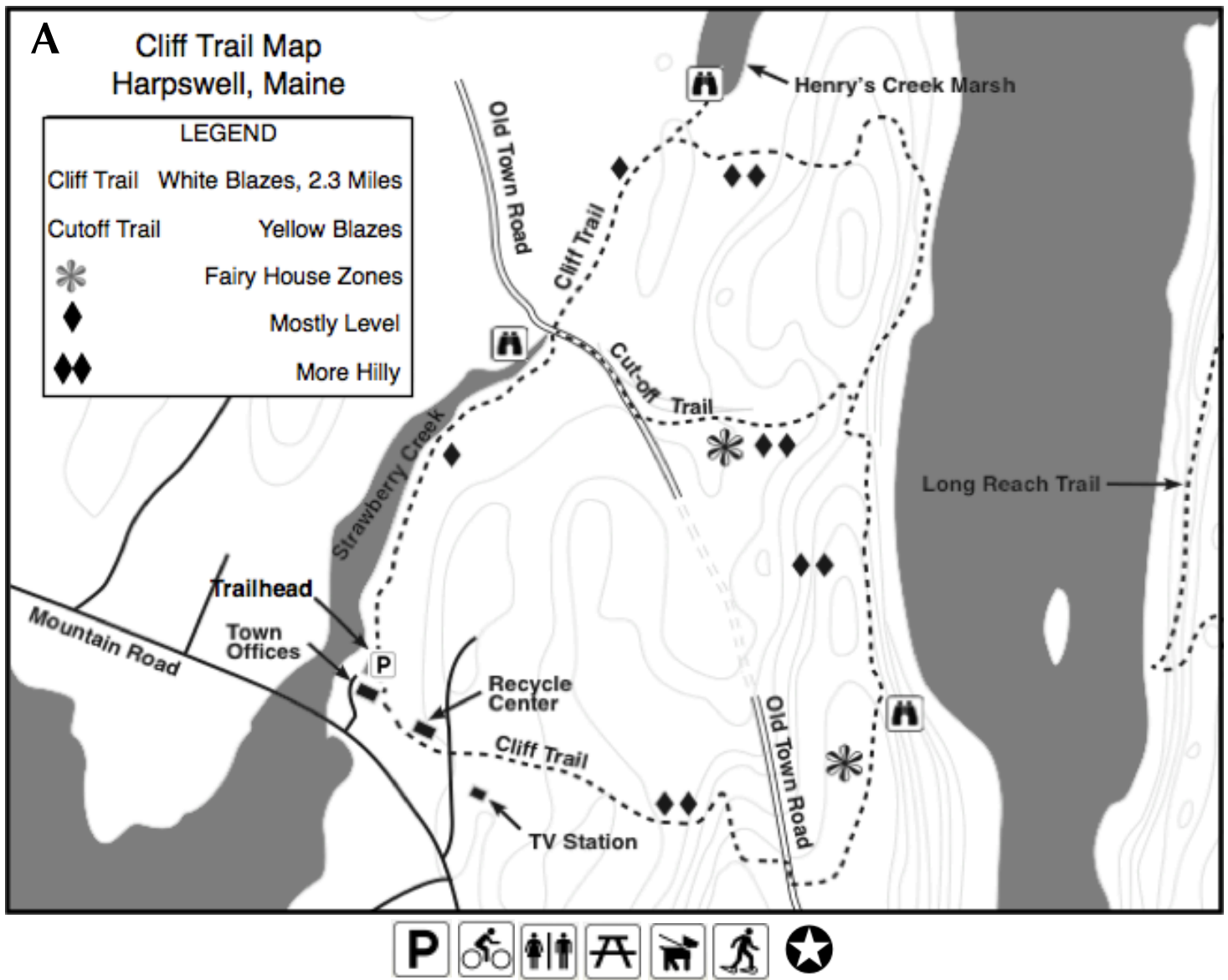
HHLT PROPERTY RULES

- Open dawn to dusk only.
- Pedestrian use only. No motor vehicles or bicycles.
- Carry in, carry out. Take only pictures. Leave only footprints.
- No open fires or camping.
- Dogs must be on a leash. Please clean up after your pet.
- No hunting or discharge of firearms.
- Please respect adjacent landowner's privacy.

For more information call HHLT at 721-1121

EMERGENCY

For emergencies dial 911
Fire, Police and Ambulance
Animal Control 1-800-501-1111

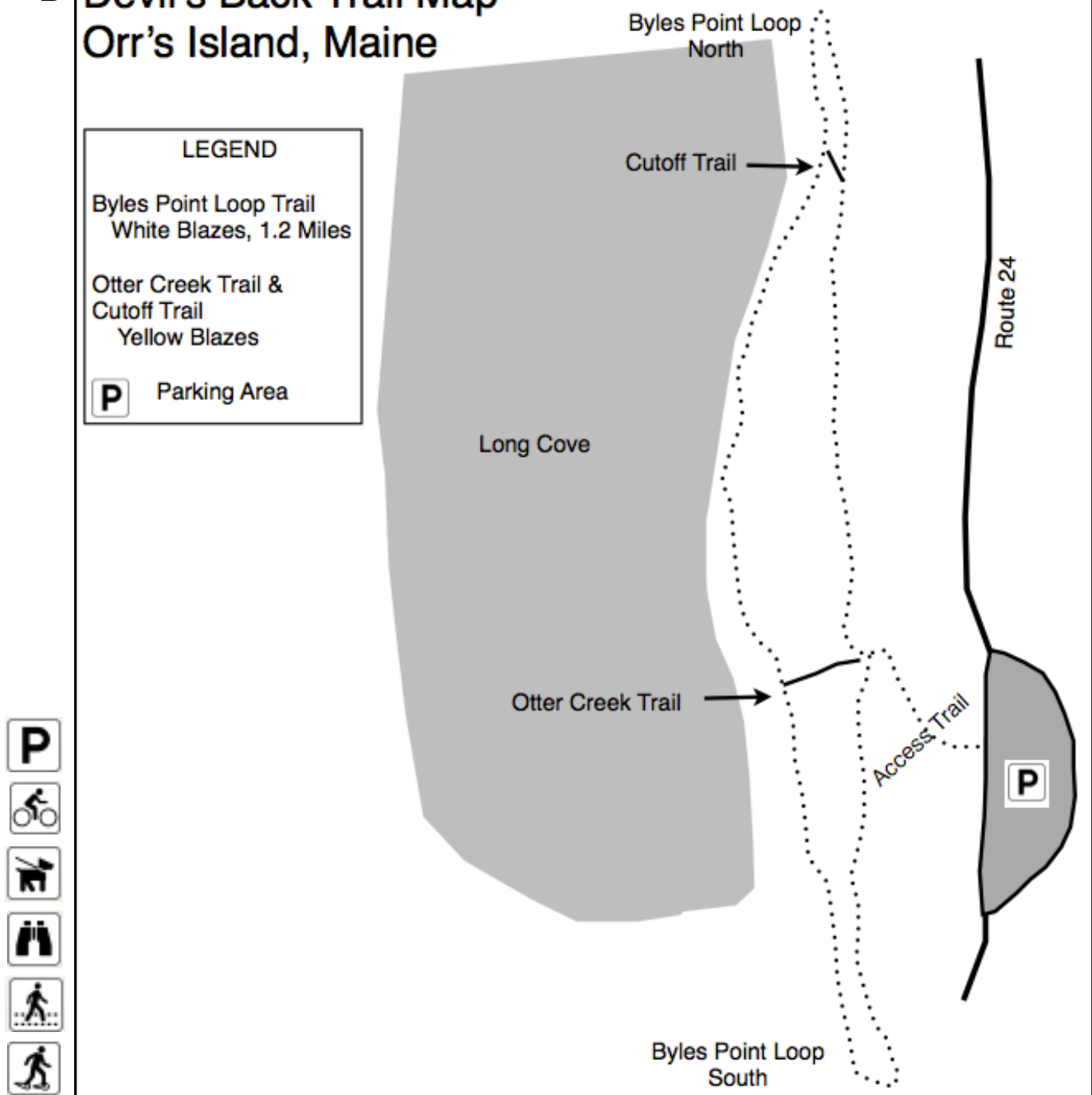


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The Cliff Trail is a 2.3-mile loop trail near the highest point in Harpswell. This marked trail features a shore walk along the tidal Strawberry Creek, two 'fairy-house' zones and spectacular views from 150-foot cliffs overlooking Long Reach.

The trailhead is behind the Town Office on Mountain Road (connecting the Harpswell Neck Road and the Harpswell Islands Road) at the far corner of the parking lot near Strawberry Creek.

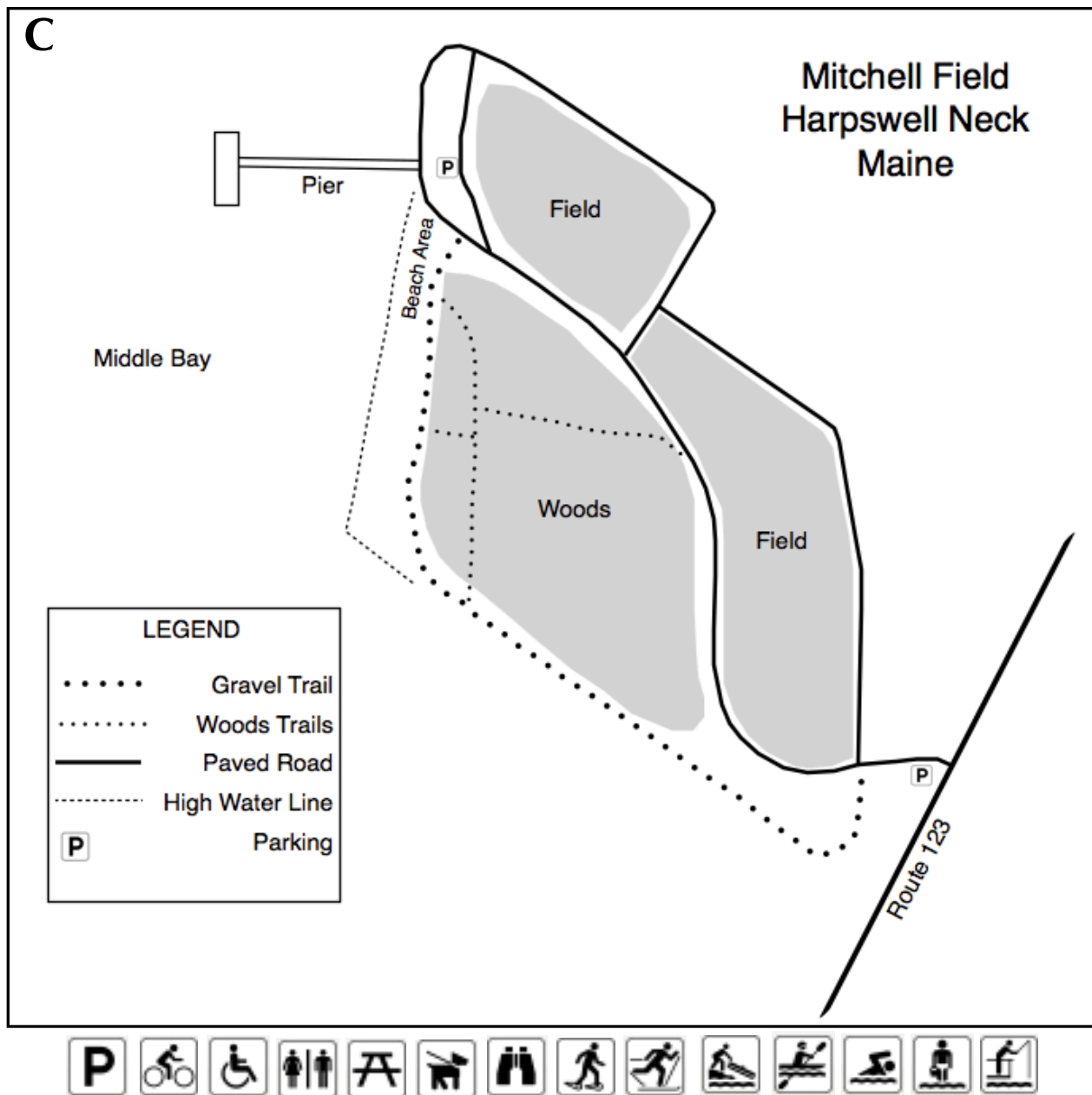
B Devil's Back Trail Map Orr's Island, Maine



Town of Harpswell

Devil's Back Trail is the newest addition to the Town of Harpswell's trail system. It is a 1.2 Mile loop with the trailhead located on Route 24 just past the Orr's Island bridge from Great Island. Entrance is across the street from parking (formerly Gurnet Rest Stop). Beautiful old growth pine trees and water views throughout the trail. Visible osprey nests.

After crossing bridge from Great Island to Orr's Island continue on Route 24 approximately .2 miles to the parking area.

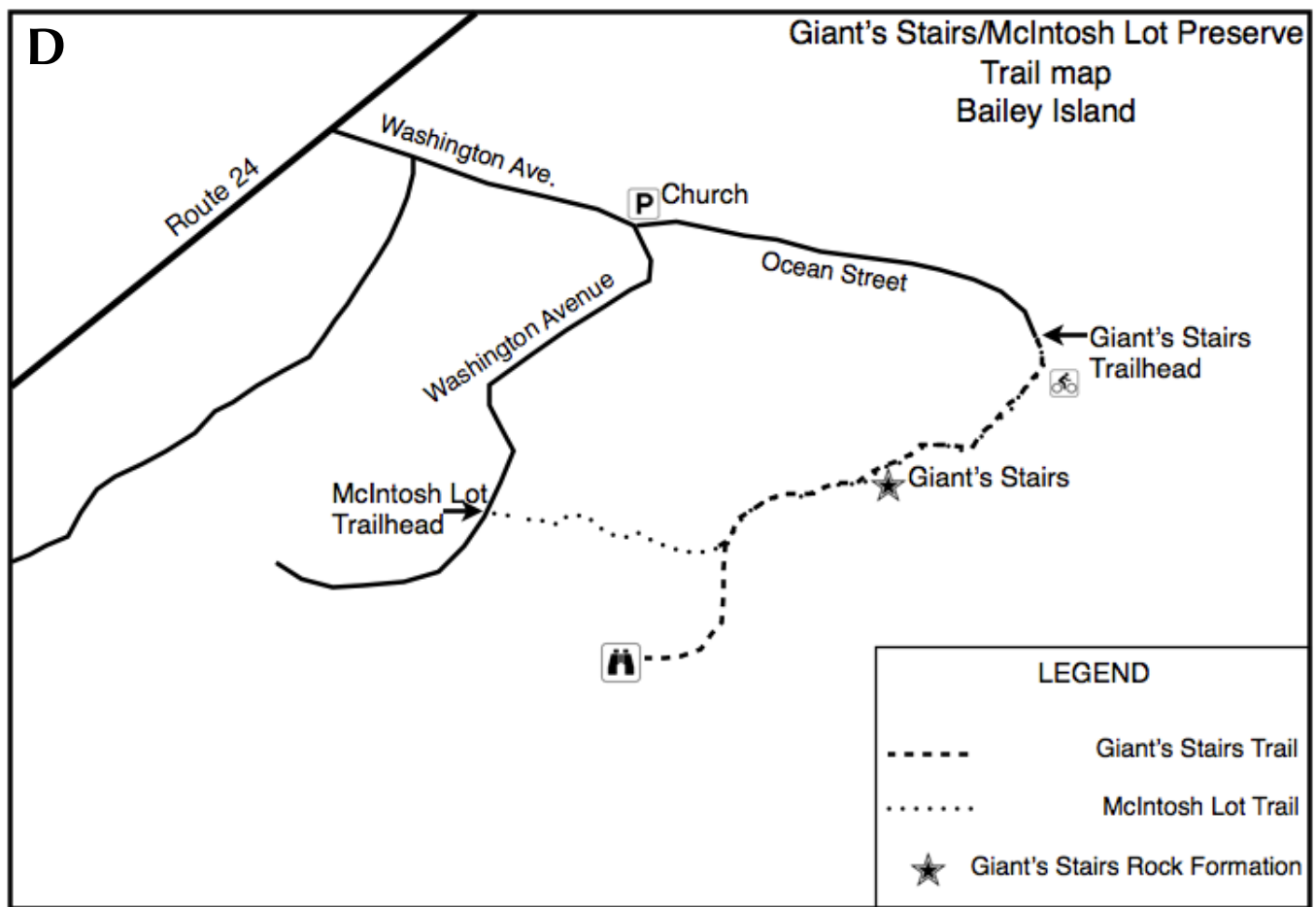


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Mitchell Field is a 119.3 acre Town-owned property located on Harpswell Neck. The property has 2,630 feet of shoreline, approximately 2 miles of paved road, approximately .75 miles of dirt road and .5 miles of woods trails. Clear days offer views of the Mt. Washington panorama. The Field is open everyday from 8:00 am to sunset.

Use of the pier is not permitted.

Follow Route 123 approximately 10 miles from Bowdoin College in downtown Brunswick. Mitchell Field entrance will be on the right.


















This combined Harpswell Heritage Land Trust/ Harpswell Town trail begins at the eastern end of Ocean Street and provides a shore walk featuring spectacular views of eastern Casco Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. The noted Giant's Stairs was formed by differential erosion of an intrusive volcanic dike. The Town portion of the trail extends along the shore to Little Harbor. To complete a loop to Washington Avenue and back to the parking area at the Episcopal chapel, take the indicated HHLT trail across the shrubby McIntosh Lot Preserve.










Approximately 1.5 miles south of the historic Cribstone Bridge on Harpswell Islands Road turn left on Washington Avenue. Park at the Episcopal chapel (when there are not services) or carefully along Washington Ave. so as to not block or impede traffic and emergency vehicles. Walk east to the end of Ocean Street or south along Washington Avenue about 1/3- mile. Signs are posted at either end of the trail indicating access points.

Town Lands & Recreational Areas

*See Town Trail Maps (pages 2-5) for other Town land and Recreation areas













E	Trufant Summerton Athletic Field - Great Island	 
The athletic field is managed by Harpswell Recreation. Long Reach Preserve trailhead is located off the parking lot.		
F	Mackerel Cove - Bailey Island	      
One of the best scenic beaches in Harpswell.		
D	Giant's Stairs - Bailey Island	     
Giant's Stairs are a well known area for recreational enjoyment. Smooth and wide gravel trail make this area accessible to most everyone. Beautiful scenic vista of Casco Bay along with Pond, Ram and Ragged Islands. Access to flat rock 'beach area' is also available. Swimming and/or wading is not advised due to high surf and strong undertows.		

Town Lands, Landings & Water Access

G	Tide Mill/Grist Mill Road- Harpswell Neck	  
Site of George True's Grist Mill built in 1867 and operated with three advanced water wheels using tidal power until 1885. What remained of the tide mill was blown down in a 1919 storm. The remains of the dam have created a reversing falls effect. The basin area is friendlier for kayaking. Parking for four cars. Please note posted rules. N 43.74830°/W 70.03297°		
H	Graveyard Point - Harpswell Neck	 
Broad vistas to islands and a pebbly beach. Launch at high tide. Parking for up to four cars along the road. N 43.74058°/W 70.01530°		
I	Lookout Point - Harpswell Neck	   
One of the best large boat launching ramps in Harpswell - for both commercial and recreation uses. Parking for approximately six cars. Use restrictions are posted at landing. N 43.80825°/W 69.99354°		




















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J	Potts Point Landing & Town Wharf - Harpswell Neck	  
Town wharf allows for skiffs and dinghies to tie up for 30 minutes. Parking for three cars. Landing N 43.73681°/W 70.02180° Wharf N 43.73841°/W 70.02154°		
K	Stover's Cove Road - Harpswell Neck	 
On Harpswell Harbor. Well paved, low angle boat launch. Limited tidal access to launch. Limited parking. N 43.75470°/W 70.00642°		
L	Wharf Road - Harpswell Neck	
On Ewing Narrows. No boat launch. Very limited parking.		
M	Hildreth Road - Great Island	 
Public access point off Mountain Road west of Ewing Narrows bridge. Very limited parking on Hildreth Road. Traditionally used launch area is down gravel road. No public beach access. Please respect private owners' rights at end of gravel road. N 43.82138°/W 69.95183°		
N	Bethel Point - Cundy's Harbor	  
Boats may be launched, but truck, car and trailer parking is not available on Town landing. Landing heavily used for commercial and recreational boat launching. Limited parking with Town issued parking permit, but ample parking is available in Commercial parking lot nearby for a small fee. N 43.79092°/W 69.91183°		
O	Holbrook Street Landing- Cundy's Harbor	  
Good Town landing off east side of Cundy's Harbor Road (Holbrook Street). Gently sloped boat launch. Parking for three cars. N 43.79920°/W 69.88821°		
P	Steamboat Wharf Lane - Bailey Island	  
Limited use, mainly for monitoring boats and beach access. Very limited parking. 7-foot-wide easement provides good vista of working harbor. N 43.72781°/W 69.99785°		

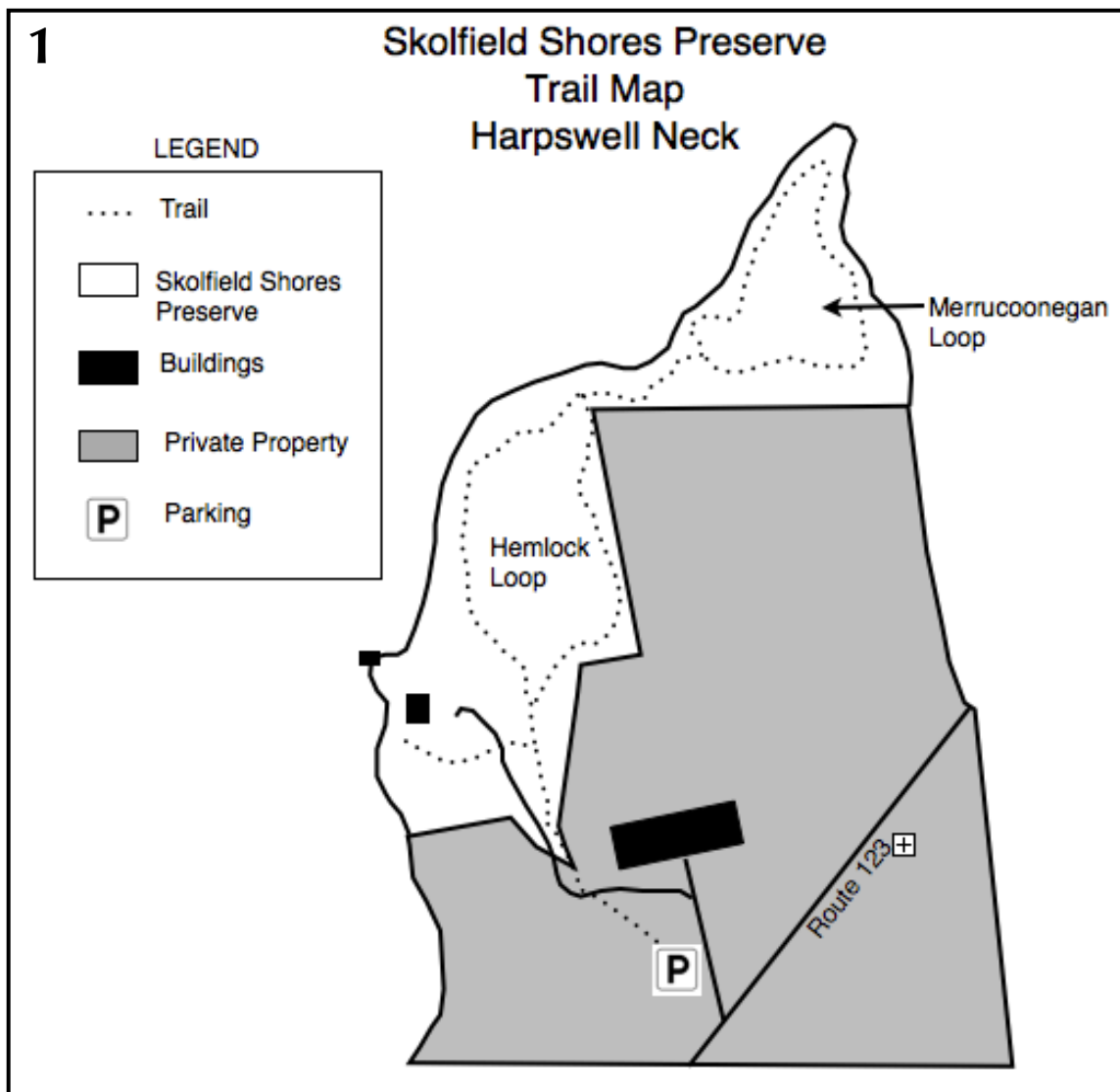
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Q	York's Landing/Steamboat Road - Bailey Island	  
No parking, 13 foot mowed pedestrian right-of-way to shore. N 43.73460°/W 69.99842		
R	Garrison Cove - Bailey Island	       
Well paved landing, good beach. Limited parking at top of beach. N 43.74771°/W 69.99186°		
F	Mackerel Cove - Bailey Island	      
Town landing is to be used for water-based recreational and conservation purposes only - with exception for commercial fishing that has traditionally been conducted. There is a public boat ramp which is used heavily for commercial purposes. Parking for fifteen cars available in nearby public lot. N 43.73142°/W 69.99837°		
S	Orr's Island Bridge - Orr's Island	
Bridge connects Great and Orr's Islands. Wharves are privately owned but on Town land. Stop to stretch your legs and enjoy the view. Please respect private property. Not a destination point. N 43.79487°/W 69.94623°		

Town Owned Islands

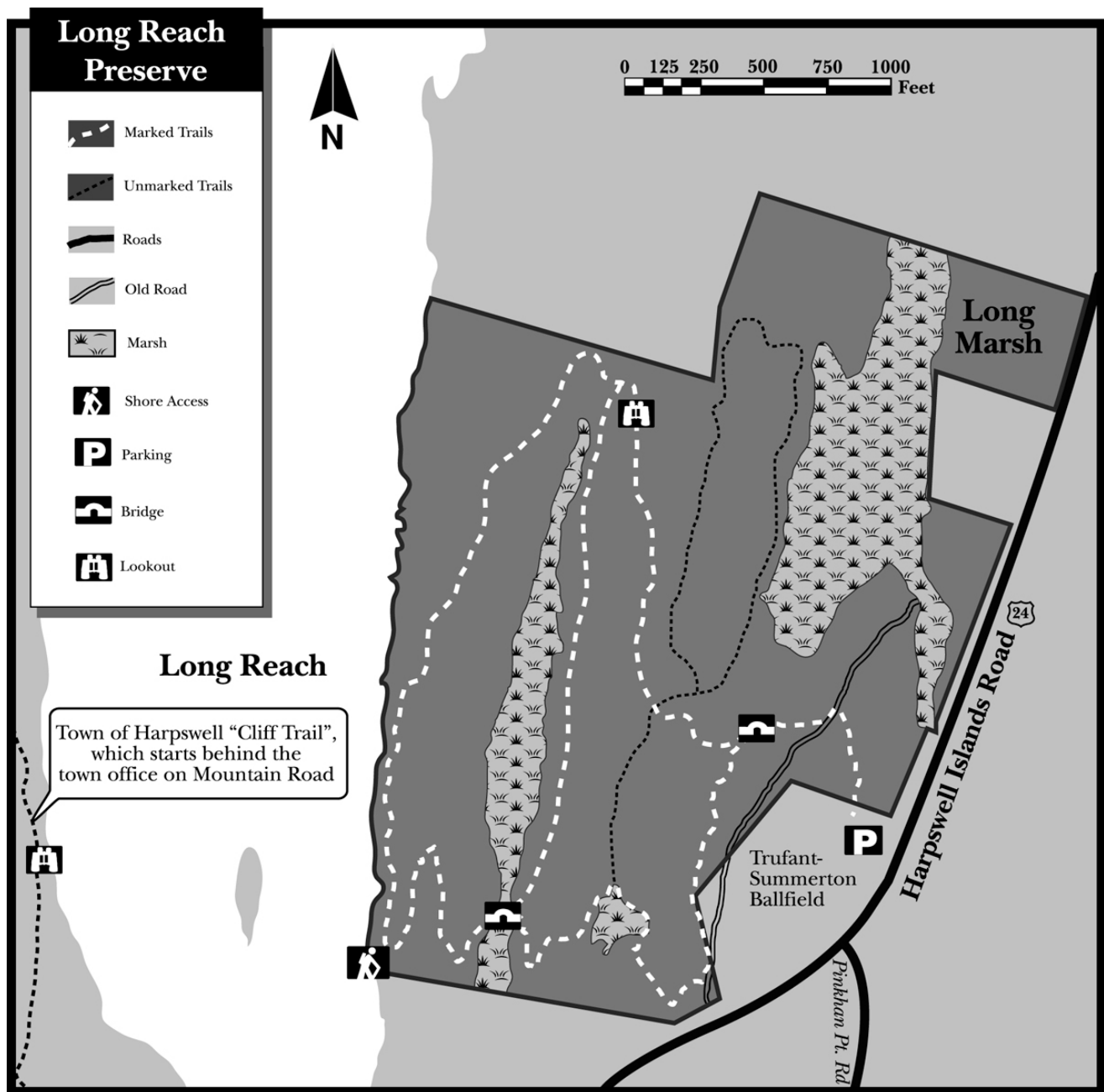
T	Stover's Island
The 2-acre Stover's Island marks the entrance to Strawberry Creek at the northern end of Harpswell Sound. Also known as Strawberry Creek Island, Stover's Island is part of the Maine Island Trail System.	
Other Town Islands	
The Town of Harpswell owns six islands. The following islands are registered, protected seabird nesting habitats and are not to be landed on between the months of March and August. Jenny Island, Uncle Zeke Island, Elm Islands, Flash Island and Bar Island	



Harpswell Heritage Land Trust

Skolfield Shores Preserve has a system of loop trails which winds through stands of white pine, red spruce, hemlock, and beech. There are benches at points which offer fine views of the salt marsh, mud flats, and tidal waters of Middle Bay Cove. The cove is an important waterfowl and wading bird habitat. The Skolfield Shores trails are an easy walk except for one steep place where a trail dips into a ravine. The trail starts at the right side of the kiosk in the parking lot. Follow the signs and white trail blazes.

The parking area is located 1/4 mile south of the Brunswick/ Harpswell town line on the west-side of the Harpswell Neck Road. Turn onto Skolfield Place (the driveway to the Merricoonegan Farm on the west side of the road) and immediately left into the small parking area.



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Long Reach Preserve offers the most challenging trail of the Trust's preserves. It winds its way over two ridges down to the shore of Long Reach. Some parts are quite steep especially at the descent to the shore. With Long Reach's varied topography, a hiker will pass through several different types of forest habitat, all of which are beautiful. Park on the right upon entering the ball field property and follow the signs and grey blazes.

The preserve shares a parking area with the Trufant-Summerton Athletic Field approximately 3 miles south from the Brunswick town line on the Harpswell Islands Road (Route 24). Park on the right upon entering the ball field property and follow the signs and grey blazes.

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3 Pott's Point Preserve - Harpswell Neck

Pott's Point Preserve, at the very tip of Harpswell Neck, has only a tuft of upland but extensive tidal pools at low tide. It can be reached only by walking 3/4 mile along the private Pott's Point Road or scrambling along the shore. The wonderful views of Haskell Island, Bailey Island, and Pott's Harbor make the effort well worthwhile.

4 Stover's Point Preserve - Harpswell Neck

Stover's Point Preserve is accessible by car (be very careful of your undercarriage!) and consists of an extensive gravel beach surrounding a salt marsh. From the Point, a walker will have excellent views of Harpswell and Merriconeag Sounds and the Cribstone Bridge connecting Orr's and Bailey Islands. It is a fine place to walk, swim or picnic.

5 Wilson's Cove Trail - Harpswell Neck

Located on private land, the Wilson's Cove Trail provides a winding 1/2 mile walk from the Harpswell Neck Road to a cliff on the shore of Wilson's Cove. There is no shore access due to the cliff, but the view of the cove and Middle Bay is satisfying. The cove provides valuable waterfowl and wading bird habitat.

6 Crow Island - Middle Bay

Crow Island Preserve in upper Middle Bay is accessible only by small boat at half tide or better. It is a perfect gem of an island for those willing to make the trip. Located at the head of Middle Bay, see the nautical chart of Casco Bay (#13290).

7 Hackett Land Preserve - Harpswell Center

The Hackett Land Preserve is a 39-acre open space in Harpswell Center. The property includes 36 acres of fairly open mixed woods, and 3 acres of fields. The trail winds through the wooded portion of the preserve, by a significant vernal pool, and connects to the Minot Trail. The 35-acre Minot Easement abuts the Hackett Land Preserve to the south. It is privately owned, so please stay on the trail and respect the privacy of the owners. Park at the Harpswell Historical Society on the east side of the road. Walk across the Harpswell Neck Road and about 400 feet down the Littlefield Road. The Hackett Land Trail begins on the right and the Minot Trail on the left. Follow the signs and yellow blazes.

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8 Johnson Field Preserve - Bailey Island

The Johnson Field Preserve at the head of Mackerel Cove on Bailey Island provides a signature view of a Maine fishing harbor with all its attendant activity. Users may wander around its open field and picnic near the shore, as well as view the American Red Cross monument on the abutting Town property.

9 Houghton Graves Park - Orr's Island

Houghton Graves Park, at the center of the Orr's Island village, is a 3-acre pocket park with grassy paths, a nice view of Beal's Cove and Harpswell Sound, and access to the cove's tidal waters for swimming and clamming.

Bicycling Areas

Please respect all area landowners by obeying private property signs and staying on listed routes.

Allen Point Road - Harpswell Neck

Parking at Scout Hall across the road from Allen Point Road. 1.6 mile road and loop back up using Route 123 (1 mile) or Allen Point.

Basin Point Road/Ash Point Road - Harpswell Neck

Park at former West Harpswell School lot. To Dolphin Marina is 2.7 miles. Ash Point Road is 1.2 miles. Ash Point Road to Tide Mill is 1.3 miles.

Stover's Point Road - Harpswell Neck

Park at former West Harpswell School lot. From lot to Stover's beach is 1.2 miles.

Pott's Point - Harpswell Neck

Park at former West Harpswell School lot. To Pott's Point Landing and Town Wharf is 2.4 miles.

Mitchell Field - Harpswell Neck

*See description on page 4. Corresponds to letter C on the map.

Areas for Play

Harpswell Community School - Great Island

308 Harpswell Islands Road. Playground is public. Available after 3:30 pm on school days. Owned by MSAD #75.

Former West Harpswell School - Harpswell Neck

9 Ash Point Road. Playground is available at any time. Town-owned property.

Trufant-Summerton Athletic Field - Great Island

Approximately 2 miles south of Harpswell Community School. Available for use anytime (unless Town activities are being conducted). Small swing set in addition to large field. Soccer nets are usually out for use. Town-owned property.

Harpswell Neck Physical Education Association - Harpswell Neck

The Harpswell Neck Physical Education Association, known as HNPEA was founded in 1965 to provide opportunities for physical recreation for Harpswell residents, particularly children. It maintains two tennis courts on land leased from the Kellogg Church, as well as a basketball court, playground equipment and a hut for crafts instruction. A children's day camp runs during the month of July, a small registration fee covers the whole month for Harpswell children from the first through seventh grades. The children have tennis lessons given by a qualified tennis instructor, and games and crafts are supervised by a director certified in early childhood education. There are field trips to destinations such as Eagle Island and Mitchell Field beach. Except when in use by the day camp on weekday mornings and on Sundays before noon, the tennis courts are open for the general public. In the past there have been round robin tennis tournaments and a championship match for the Fulle Cup, given in memory of HNPEA founder Fred Fulle. Group instruction and private tennis lessons may be arranged. HNPEA is entirely supported by volunteer contributions. Contact: Deborah Cornish at seabreeze1225@yahoo.com

Historic Locations

Old Town Meeting House - Harpswell Neck

Completed in 1759, this historic building served the town as a meeting house, school, place of worship, and administrative offices for over two centuries. Although owned by the Town, the Harpswell Historical Society now maintains the building and the Town's original cemetery adjacent to the Hall. Tours may be arranged by contacting David Hackett (207-833-6322) of Harpswell Historical Society.

Lobsterman Statue - Bailey Island

The Lobsterman Statue, erected in 1976, is of H. Elroy Johnson. The original statue was displayed in the World's Fair in 1939 and 1940. It is displayed prominently at Land's End on Bailey Island. Statue is owned by Harpswell Historical Society.

Cribstone Bridge - Bailey Island

The Cribstone Bridge, built in 1927-28 is 1,150 feet long and spans the area known as Will's Gut. The granite was brought in from local quarries and the open crib work allows for the ebb and flow of tides. Extensive repair work was completed in 2010. The bridge is recognized as an historic civil engineering landmark and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

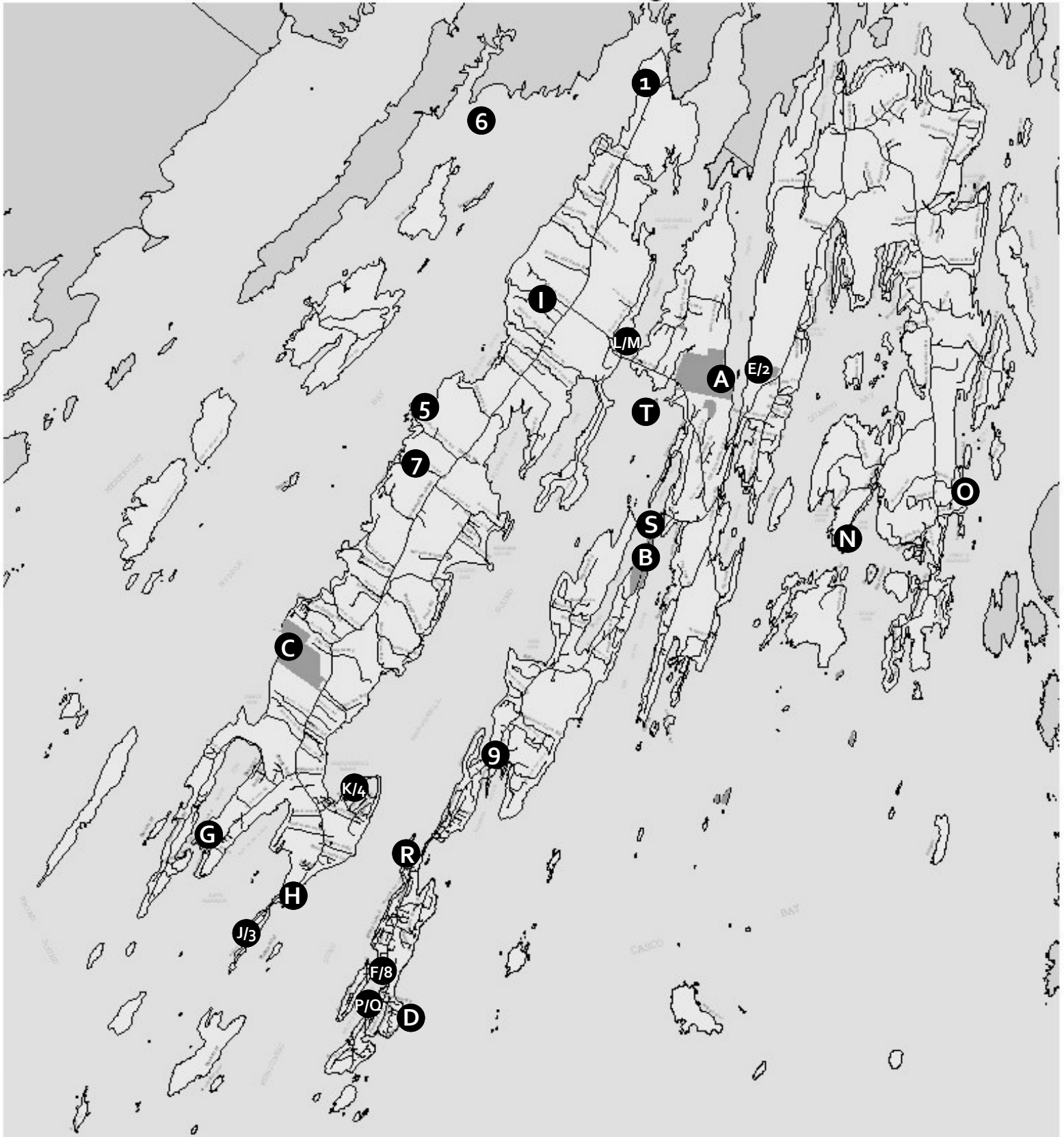
Eagle Island - Casco Bay

Historic home of Admiral Robert E. Peary. Eagle Island is a State Historic Site. Access can only be made by boat. There are tour boats that visit the island during the summer. Moorings are available for those who use their own boats.

<http://www.pearyeagleisland.org/>

<http://www.maine.gov/doc/parks/index.html>

TOWN OF HARPSWELL



All Town of Harpswell properties are designated with a letter. All HHLT properties are designated with a number. Please see listing on pages 2-12 to find letter/number to correspond with map above.

HIKE & BIKE LOG

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Info & Links

For a comprehensive listing of Harpswell Town Lands please visit:
www.harpswell.maine.gov

To see a comprehensive listing of Harpswell Heritage Land Trust:
www.hhltmaine.org

Bicycle Coalition of Maine:
www.bikemaine.org

East Coast Greenway:
www.greenway.org

Leave No Trace Principles:
www.lnt.org

American Hiking Society:
www.americanhiking.org

Access Health:
www.accesshealthme.org

Healthy Maine Walks:
www.healthymainewalks.com

Healthy Maine Partnerships:
www.healthymainepartnerships.org

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